

**LA SALLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

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**Pastorate Mass Schedule**

Luxemburg 4:00 Saturday  
Rickardsville 6:00 Saturday  
Sherrill 8:00 Sunday  
Holy Cross 10:00 Sunday

**Readings for this weekend:**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21

*“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to God.”*

**National Hot Lunch Week:** This has been National Hot Lunch week and we recognize and thank Karen Bolsinger for her work at La Salle. She prepares great lunches and helps in the classroom and with student activities. We greatly appreciate all that she does. Students presented cards to her at lunch.

**Thank you** to everyone who provided food for the teachers' meals during conferences. It is greatly appreciated. Teachers stay at school through 8:00 or 9:00 or later on conference nights and being able to take a supper break together makes the day go better.

**Activities at La Salle:** La Salle students enjoyed a day focused on science today. Students combined in small, multi-age groups and rotated through a variety of activities. The theme for the day was Fizz, Bubble and Goo. The activity information came from 4-H and Iowa State Extension. Student Council speeches were presented by the fifth and sixth graders to all students today also. The fifth and sixth grade students run for office for the student council. They have campaigned by creating posters to hang around the school. La Salle students painted pumpkins to display around Holy Cross. We wrapped up the day by praying the Rosary.

**La Salle Fall Cash Raffle:** La Salle will once again hold a fall cash raffle. The prize drawing is planned for Thursday, November 19. Tickets will be sold following Masses, at school, through area businesses, and by contacting school board members. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

**Box Tops Deadline:** Please turn in your box tops by the end of the month

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Reminder about Illness policy: Based on the attached flow chart from the Iowa Department of Education and the guidance of the Office of Catholic Schools, here is the following clarification of the process. If you keep your child home, or they go home from school, with **two** or more low-risk symptoms that are **new** (and no known exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID), the child needs to stay home for 10 calendar days unless they have an alternate diagnosis or a negative COVID test. For example, if your child has a sore throat and a runny nose and you keep them home, you would need to get either an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID test for them to come back to school before 10 calendar days have passed. Seeking an alternative diagnosis does not necessarily mean a visit to the doctor's office. You may be able to meet with your doctor through a telehealth appointment or, if this is an ongoing condition or diagnosis such as allergies, your doctor may be willing to send a note or other documentation based on a phone conversation rather than a visit. The school needs to receive some kind of documentation from the doctor's office about the alternative diagnosis, a negative COVID test result, or the child needs to remain at home for 10 calendar days. Low risk symptoms are fever, headache, muscle and body aches, fatigue, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. While they are home for 10 days we will work with your family on sending homework and scheduling Zoom time for lessons from the classroom. The child will be marked "present" as long as they are working on their homework and/or participating electronically either through a Zoom meeting, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, or watching videos of lessons sent by the teacher. If your child is absent from school for other symptoms (such as a broken bone or just one low-risk symptom) they will be marked absent.

Exposure to someone with COVID: If a student has been exposed to someone with COVID (closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) they will need to quarantine for 14 calendar days. We will work with your family on sending homework and scheduling Zoom time for lessons from the classroom. The child will be marked "present" as long as they are working on their homework and/or participating electronically either through a Zoom meeting, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, or watching videos of lessons sent by the teacher. The Department of Education and Public Health recently offered guidance that if an exposure occurs and everyone was wearing masks, those who were exposed can self-monitor for symptoms rather than quarantine. This guidance has led some schools to change their policy on masks. After discussion and consideration among the school board and teachers, La Salle will continue with the policy set at the beginning of the school year. We will practice mitigation as much as possible--frequent hand washing, frequent sanitizing of commonly touched surfaces, staying six feet apart, and wearing masks when not able to be six feet apart. If students are exposed and are not wearing masks, they will need to quarantine for 14 calendar days. The guidance from Public Health clarified that gaiters and face shields are not the same as masks and that they would not "count" as a mask if the goal is to avoid quarantine. Western Dubuque has recently adjusted their policy to follow this guidance and they are not allowing gaiters or shields in place of masks. La Salle students may continue to wear gaiters and shields but they will not count as masks in regard to avoiding quarantine.

Water Bottles: La Salle Catholic School received a grant from Delta Dental Foundation that provided the water bottle filling station in the first floor hallway. The grant also included water bottles for students. The water bottles are being given to students today. Students are welcome to make use of these new water bottles and/or continue to use their favorite water bottle.

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Red Ribbon Week: As the nation’s largest and oldest drug prevention campaign, Red Ribbon Week® reaches over 80 million people each year throughout the United States. The Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. Students at La Salle will learn about making healthy choices and staying drug free.

The following is our Red Ribbon Week schedule beginning Friday, October 23.

*Friday: Wear Red Day* Theme: “Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug Free.” Wear your red school shirt and uniform pants. Show your school and parish that you are happy, brave, and drug free!

*Monday: Farm and Country Pride Day* Theme: “Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug Free Y’all!” Dress in your farm or country clothes, boots, and hats.

*Tuesday: Smartie Day* Theme: “I’m Too Smart To Start!” Smartie candy for classrooms.

*Wednesday: Sports Day* Theme: “Stay in the Game, Play Drug Free!” Dress in your favorite team’s clothes or colors. Wear your team’s uniform.

*Thursday: Cards for Vets* Theme: “Be a Hero Everyday, Be Drug Free!” We will make thank you cards for veterans at the freedom center.

*Friday: Happy Halloween* Theme: “Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco Are Tricks Not Treats!” Wear your favorite Halloween shirt and uniform pants. Students in preschool-grade 6 will have a costume parade at 3:15

Halloween at La Salle: Halloween will look a little different this year. We won't be able to have parties in the same way that we have in the past. Teachers will share their plans with the families in their classrooms. Students in four-year-old preschool will celebrate on Wednesday, October 28. Students in three-year-old preschool and kindergarten through sixth grade will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 30. A change the students will likely enjoy is that the costume parade will be expanded to include students in the older grades. We will have a costume parade on Friday, October 30 at 3:15. If the weather cooperates, we will hold it outside in the parking area by the gym. If the weather is unpleasant, we will invite families to social distance themselves around the gym and students will parade around the gym. Students will be dismissed and can leave with their families immediately following the costume parade. Costumes should not include weapons of any kind. We prefer to keep Halloween light-hearted and encourage students to avoid wearing gruesome costumes at school.

Cans and Bottles Redemption fundraiser: Our next sorting and bagging event is on Saturday, November 21. If you have cans and bottles to donate, the collection points are bins at Holy Cross, Rickardsville, and Sherrill. In Holy Cross, the bin is next to the first shed behind the school. In Rickardsville, the bin is between the church and the rectory. In Sherrill, the bin is in front of the parish center (the old school). Thank you for donating your cans and bottles.

Facilities Rental: The La Salle Catholic School gym and cafeteria are available for rent. Groups using the facilities are asked to follow COVID-mitigation strategies and are asked to clean commonly touched areas at the end of the activity. Cleaning and sanitizing supplies will be provided and a \$5 fee per event will be added to the rental fee. Please contact the school office for more information.

Entenmann's Little Bites Wrappers: Entenmann's rewards schools for recycling the wrappers for Little Bites and Minis. You can send the collected wrappers to school.